

April 25, 2018

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 25, 2018, 10:03 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of April 22, 2018, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification/Re-Certification Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve blaster certification for the following applicants:

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Dewey Aaseth	Freedom Mine	18-04-412
Marcus Booth	Freedom Mine	18-04-410
Mark Hafner	Freedom Mine	18-04-411
Tracey Hauck	Freedom Mine	18-04-409
Justin Lauf	Freedom Mine	18-04-413
John Renaud	BNI Coal	15-04-374-R(1)
Chris Droste	BNI Coal	18-04-406
Daniel Martin	Beulah Mine	18-04-407
Brent Mittelsteadt	Beulah Mine	18-04-408

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-18-135  
Randy Huschka  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Randy Huschka, Hope, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-18-136  
Clint Feland  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Clint Feland, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-684  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Oasis Petroleum - Mountrail County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Oasis Petroleum – Mountrail County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-16-684.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-140  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Advance Prudence –  
Astoria Project  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$112,274.14 Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence – Astoria Project, Application, Case No. PU-17-140.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-141  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Advance Prudence –  
Merricourt Project  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$111,492.83 Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence – Merricourt Project, Application, Case No. PU-17-141.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-143  
Otter Tail Power Company  
150 MW - Merricourt Project  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$111,905.32 Otter Tail Power Company, 150 MW – Merricourt Project, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-143.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-468  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Transmission Facility Cost  
Recovery (2017)  
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$9,155.68 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2017), Rates, Case No. PU-17-468.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-469  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Generation Resource Cost Recovery  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$8,416.90 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-469.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-26  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Blaine Kummer - Richland County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Blaine Kummer – Richland County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-18-26.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-82  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Renewable Resource Cost Adjustment  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$9,331.58 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Renewable Resource Cost Adjustment, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-18-82.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-284  
Foxtail Wind, LLC  
Foxtail Wind Energy Center –  
Dickey County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a construction inspection contract with Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc. in Foxtail Wind, LLC, Foxtail Wind Energy Center – Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-284.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-696  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
345 kV Trans. Line –  
Mercer, Dunn, McKenzie, Williams  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Basin Electric's update to its tree and shrub mitigation plan Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 345 kV Transmission Line, Mercer, Dunn, McKenzie, Williams, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-696.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-797  
Sequoia Energy US Inc.  
150MW Border Winds Energy  
Project - Rolette County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$15,000 in Sequoia Energy US Inc., 150MW Border Winds Energy Project – Rolette County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-08-797.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-134  
CHS, Inc.  
Facility-Based Gr Buyer-  
Fairdale, Kloten, Park River  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-18-134 cancelling facility-based grain buyer license numbers 2140, 2049, and 2062 respectively issued to CHS, Inc. at the Fairdale, Kloten, and Park River, North Dakota locations and ordering that business at Fairdale, Kloten, and Park River, North Dakota is discontinued.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-137  
Alliance Valley Bean, LLC  
License No. 1330 - Fairdale, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in Alliance Valley Bean, LLC, License No. 1330 – Fairdale, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE 18-137.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-138  
BTR Farmers Coop  
License No. 1324 - Martin, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in BTR Farmers Coop, License No. 1324 - Martin, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE 18-138.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-89  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Tax Reform Effects  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Tax Reform Effects, Rates, Case No. PU-18-89.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-118  
Northern States Power Company  
Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver  
Approval

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver, Approval, Case No. PU-18-118.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

New Hire - AML Seasonal Inspector

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the hiring of Shawn Nixon for seasonal part-time employment as a Project Inspector in the AML Division for a period of employment starting May 29, 2018, and ending no later than December 31, 2018, at a salary of \$25.00 per hour plus time and a half for hours worked in excess of the standard 40 hour work week.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

New Hire - AML Seasonal Inspector

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the hiring of Christopher Brown for seasonal part-time employment as a Project Inspector in the AML Division for a period of employment starting May 29, 2018, and ending no later than December 31, 2018, at a salary of \$25.00 per hour plus time and a half for hours worked in excess of the standard 40 hour work week.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:54 A.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN